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## House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. RICHARDSON).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 26, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LAURA RICHARDSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LANGEVIN) at 2 p.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:  
Lord God, Creator of all and Builder of a just society, this is a House of

pride and dignity because of its noble belief in free people. By law and by policy through the years, interior freedom has been uncovered as obstacles to equal opportunity have been removed.

By celebrating the accomplishments of the past 20 years founded in the initiative of the Disabilities Act, Lord God, responsible government has continued to embrace the advent and development of Your people.

Lord, here, may each child of disadvantage and every victim of war and accident be given hope and grounding for personal aspirations to achieve his or her full potential in Your sight.

With the help of research, engineering, medicine, and professional therapy, may government uphold the Nation's commitment to equal opportunity in the pursuit of happiness.

May every American rejoice and thank You, Almighty God, for the next step and every step to be taken to afford open and full accessibility to place and position for all citizens in a just world. For this we pray, and we will continue to work, both now and forever.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KENNEDY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### PERMITTING INDIVIDUALS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE HALL OF THE HOUSE IN ORDER TO DOCUMENT THE IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY OF THE HALL OF THE HOUSE

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, on this most important day in the history of the House of Representatives, I send to the desk H. Res. 1555, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1555

*Resolved*, That the Speaker, in consultation with the minority leader, may designate individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House and the rooms leading thereto in order to document the improved accessibility of the Hall of the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and joy that I rise today to acknowledge the history that you are making. By your leadership and your inspiration and your education of the Congress, you have helped take us to a place that honors the tradition and the goals of our founders; to improve liberty and equality for all Americans.

Today, through technology, under the leadership of the Architect of the House, we are able to, in a way that is almost magical, extend to you the privilege that you deserved all along, to be able to preside over the House.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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